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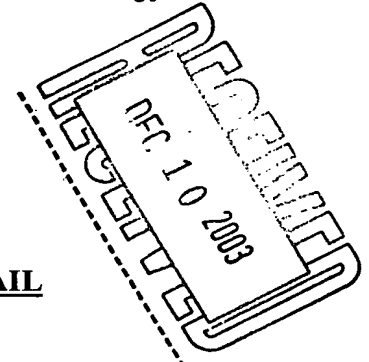
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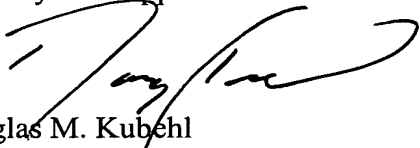
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On the enclosed PTO-1449 form, Applicants have cited pending Patent Application No. 09/773,684. Some of the claims of 09/773,684 have been indicated as allowable while others currently stand rejected in an Office Action mailed on July 30, 2003. If the Examiner does not have access to the Office Action and would like a copy, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants.

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